

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 908 - SB 933

April 4, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (007194): Clarifies that a motor vehicle used to engage in drag racing, if the perpetrator of the offense is the sole owner of the motor vehicle and it is not subject to the interest of a secured party, is subject to seizure and forfeiture. Establishes the Department of Safety (DOS) as the applicable agency for such seizures and forfeitures. Requires a motor vehicle forfeited for an offense of drag racing to be destroyed and prohibits law enforcement agencies from accepting compensation for any such parts.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-10-502(c), any motor vehicle used to commit the offense of drag racing or to flee after commission of the offense of drag racing is, upon conviction for the offense, subject to seizure and forfeiture.
- Based on information provided by DOS and the Tennessee Sheriffs Association, the proposed legislation is not estimated to represent a significant departure from current procedure for either local law enforcement or the DOS, but rather mostly clarifies the current procedures in place.
- According to DOS, any fiscal impact related to destroying such vehicles is estimated to be not significant.
- Prohibiting law enforcement agencies from accepting compensation for any parts disposed of or recycled is not expected to result in a significant impact on state or local revenue.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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